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1. Mr. Wisner, Acting DCI, on 25 March requested General Persons, White House Legislative Officer, to take the necessary steps to bring pressure on the House Armed Services Committee to consider a bill for the Deputy Director before the Easter recess.

General Persons informed Mr. Wisner on 26 March that he had designated Mr. Harlow of his staff to accomplish this mission, speaking in the name of the President. Mr. Harlow informed me that he had discussed the matter with Mr. Smart, Chief Counsel of the Committee, with former Chairman Vinson, Majority Leader Halleck and Leo Allen, Chairman of the Rules Committee, and that the way was now "greased" to consider the bill on 27 March, secure a rule immediately, and attempt to pass it before the Spring recess on 2 April. In addition, he has arranged with Mr. Darden, of the Senate Armed Services Committee staff, to urge Senator Saltonstall to accept the House bill and thus avoid a conference or Committee referral.